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Department of Health and Human Services to Hold Hearing June 26 on Medicaid Regulation Changes

Lincoln –The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care, is holding a hearing on proposed changes to current regulations related to services provided under the Medicaid Aged and Disabled Waiver on Thursday, June 26, at 1:30 p.m. CT, in the Nebraska State Office Building in Lincoln, 301 Centennial Mall South, lower level conference room A.

The proposed changes will:

- For adult day health care, add an exception to the four-hour per day service frequency to allow for unplanned situations;
- For child care for children with disabilities, provide: that waiver expenses must be cost-effective in comparison to the employment wages and benefits of the parent or caregiver; that seeking employment is an allowable reason for child care; and that work and class schedules must be verified for a parent or caregiver who is requesting child care due to employment or school enrollment;
- For non-medical transportation, clarify the specific needs for which transportation will be authorized;
- For all waiver services, remove provisions allowing persons under age 19 to be service providers. All individual providers and provider agency staff directors, representatives, and in-home providers must be at least age 19.

All interested persons are invited to attend and comment at the hearings. Written comments are also welcome and will be given the same consideration as comments made in person. Written comments must be postmarked or received by 5:00 p.m. CT the day of the hearing, and should be e-mailed to DHHS.RulesandRegs@nebraska.gov, faxed to 402-742-2382, or sent to DHHS Legal Services, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026. Copies of written comments and names of persons submitting them will be available after the hearing from DHHS as above.

The draft regulations can be found at <http://www.sos.ne.gov>